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For: SKELETAL PLATING SYSTEM	)	

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Copies of the listed foreign patent documents are attached.

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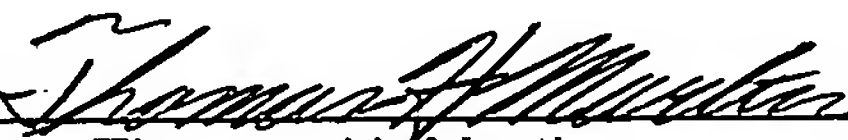
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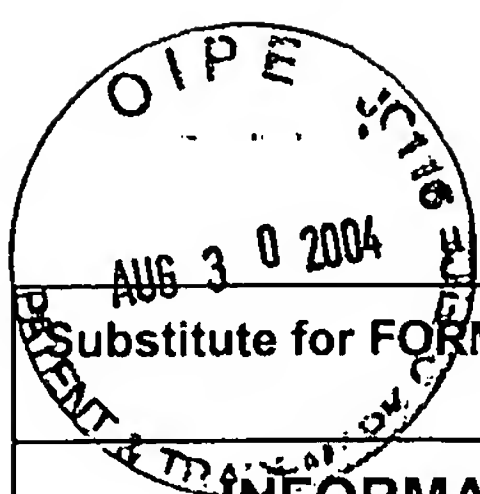
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**U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

EXAMINER INITIAL	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	4,338,926	07/1982	Kummer et al.			
	5,562,672	10/1996	Huebner et al.			

**FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION (YES/NO)
	0 554 915	08/1993	Europe			N/A
	2 740 321	04/1997	France			Abstract Only
	WO 90/02526	03/1990	WIPO			N/A
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